

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Consolidation is suffocating journalism and democracy, itself.

Sinclair at the very least must show a pro-Kerry venue shortly after "Stolen Honor". Perhaps they should show, "Going Up River". They must show a pro-Kerry at an hour when viewers are watching: primetime.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Sinclair's actions also seem to be a violation of the campaign laws. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.